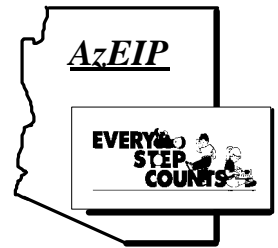




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ARIZONA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

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Dear Members of Arizona's Early Intervention Community:

The Department of Economic Security, through the Arizona Early Intervention Program (DES/AzEIP), is initiating a phase-in of the Redesign team-based model of early intervention services. Phase 1 will be implemented in Maricopa, Yuma, Navajo, and Apache Counties for children (a) referred to AzEIP and (b) children eligible for AzEIP, but not the DES, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES/DDD) or the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB). Services currently provided by DES/AzEIP Initial Planning Process contractors and DES/AzEIP ongoing contractors in these four counties will transition to the new team-based service contractors during the initial months of contract implementation.

The Department will issue a Request for Proposal in the Summer of 2007 and award contracts in the Fall of 2007. This phase-in implementation will enable DES to evaluate the efficacy of the program design and make potentially necessary changes as we proceed with full implementation of the Redesign.

We look forward to sharing more information with you this summer and to working in partnership with you to make team-based early intervention services in Arizona a reality.

Sincerely,

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